

National Fire Plan Federal Initiative**FY2003 Request: \$1,200,000**
Reference No: 35769**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Health/Safety**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Jeff Jahnke**Election District:** Statewide**Contact Phone:** (907)269-8474**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This funding is provided to the State through the federal government's National Fire Plan initiative. The funding is intended to improve the ability of State and local government to prepare for and respond to the threats of wildland fire.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000				\$3,900,000
Total:	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,900,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
50% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

SLA01/CH61 - \$5,638,000

The National Fire Plan is funded by congress on an annual basis. It is anticipated that this level of funding will gradually increase for several budget cycles and then eventually be eliminated. At this time it is anticipated that the additional federal grant funds will increase in a phased manner for three years.

Detailed Project Justification:

This project will enable the Division to meet its responsibilities of providing wildland fire protection services on state, private, and municipal lands as mandated in AS.41.15.010 – 170. These funds will allow the Division to improve and enhance its abilities to protect the citizens and resources of Alaska. The threat of catastrophic wildland fires in the urban interface areas in the state is increasing as the citizens of Alaska continue to move into the forested areas of the state. The additional federal grant funds will be utilized for the following projects:

- Improvement of the Division's initial attack and extended attack capabilities.
- Improvement of local government and volunteer fire department capabilities to respond to structure and wildland fire incidents in the urban interface areas of the state.
- Provide funding for and EFF type 1 hotshot crew to be utilized in Alaska and the lower 48 to aid in the suppression of wildland fires.

Specific Spending Detail:

71000 – (\$500.0) Personal services for EFF hotshot crewmembers, extension of permanent seasonal fire positions.

72000 – (\$100.0) Travel and per diem costs for state and local government personnel to travel to present and receive specialized fire training.

73000 – (\$100.0) Contractual services funding to facilitate intermediate and advanced Incident Command System (ICS) training and specialized fire training

74000 – (\$500.0) Purchase of specialized firefighting equipment for use by the Division's firefighters and local government and volunteer fire departments.

State Match Required:

There is a 50% match of State funds to receive these federal grant funds. The match requirement will be met by in-kind general funds already obligated to the Division's Fire & Aviation Program.

Project Support:

Broad support is anticipated from the general public, local government, volunteer fire departments, and numerous state and federal government cooperating agencies.

Project Opposition:

No opposition is anticipated for this request.